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SUBJECT: DECISION OF US ATTORNEY GENERAL NOT TO REOPEN THE
INVESTIGATION OF A MURDER OF A CHICANO YOUTH

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1. MEXICAN MEDIA CARRYING A NUMBER OF REPORTS TODAY REGARDING A DECISION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL NOT TO REOPEN A CRIMINAL CASE AGAINST FORMER DALLAS POLICEMAN DARRELL CAIN WHO ALLEGEDLY MURDERED A 12 YEAR OLD CHICANO, SANTOS RODRIGUEZ, IN JULY 1973. CAIN IS CURRENTLY SERVING A FIVE YEAR SENTENCE FOR THE MURDER, A SENTENCE WHICH MANY MEXICANS AND MEXICAN-AMERICANS REPORTEDLY BELIEVE TO BE MUCH TOO LIGHT. MEXICAN GROUPS BOTH IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN MEXICO REQUESTED THE US JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO REOPEN THE CASE AND TO PERHAPS BRING ADDITIONAL CHARGES AGAINST CAIN IN AN EFFORT TO INCREASE HIS TIME IN JAIL.

2. TO PREPARE FOR POSSIBLE PRESS QUERIES, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RELEVANT INFORMATION RELATED TO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORTED DECISION ON THE SANTOS RODRIGUEZ CASE. RE THIS OR OTHER SIMILAR CASES INVOLVING
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ALLEGED MISTREATMENT OF MEXICAN/AMERICANS, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED ON TIMELY BASIS REGARDING ALL JUDICIAL DECISIONS AND/OR FEDERAL ACTION AFFECTING STATUS OF CASES WHICH HAVE BEEN FREQUENT SUBJECT OF PRESS COMMENTARY AND INTEREST IN MEXICO. LUCEY

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